

**Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 08, 2014**

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee held a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Bethany Beach Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided; Carole Calef; Kathy Davis; Jan Kinsella; and Margaret Young.

Excused members: Vicky Drury; Theo Loppatto; Julie Malewski, Events Director/Media Coordinator; Mary Lou McNerney; and Mary Lou Urquhart.

Also present: Lindsey Good, Administrative Secretary.

Call to Order

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2014 Meeting

Ms. Young made a motion to approve the minutes dated March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinsella and unanimously approved.

Ms. Young referenced the minutes, and noted that she has possibly identified a historical home that may be deserving of a historical marker. Ms. Olmstead asked Ms. Young to report back with an exact address of the house and the Town's staff will obtain the owner's contact information.

Announcements

Ms. Olmstead reported the following:

- A \$2,500 donation was made to the Clayton Theatre from CHAC. A thank you letter was received from the owner of Clayton Theatre.
- A thank you letter was received from Marcy Sharp, daughter of Carolyn Hughes, for hosting the Concert for Carolyn as a Cultural Evening at the Town Hall on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Committee reviewed an article that Ms. Malewski asked that they approve, from the Sunny Day Guide regarding the Storm of 1962. The Committee made a couple of corrections, and Ms. Olmstead will let Ms. Malewski know that the article can be approved with the changes.
- At the end of the meeting, Ms. Olmstead distributed a flyer on events hosted by the Delaware Historical Society. She noted that these events look very interesting, and that this Committee should start having Cultural Events again.

Oral History Project Update

Ms. Olmstead stated that it has been decided, between she and the Town Manager, Cliff Graviat, that the Town is going to purchase a machine to make copies of the Oral History Project DVDs.

She explained that John Apple, Code Enforcement Officer, has a background in film production, and he will work on editing the content of the DVDs. She noted that DVD 2 of the project does not display enough pictures, so Ms. Olmstead will provide Mr. Apple with more pictures to incorporate into the video.

The Committee viewed DVD 1 that Mr. Apple has already enhanced. The members agreed that he has done an excellent job so far.

### Ongoing Projects Updates

#### *News Articles*

Ms. Kinsella and Ms. Calef will schedule a date to meet in the near future to work on this project.

#### *Town Hall Historical Pictures*

Ms. Drury and Ms. Loppatto have chosen a brown metal frame for the historical pictures displayed in the Town Hall. It is a brown metal frame. Ms. Drury has included the proposed wording of the labels attached to the picture.

#### *Museum*

The Committee decided that having docents volunteer during the summer is not necessary. Ms. Young advised that most visitors of the Town Hall are there for another purpose, such as paying a bill.

Ms. Calef presented labels that she created for some of the items displayed in the Museum.

### Discussion Regarding CHAC/Museum Web-Page

Ms. Olmstead has discussed the idea of the Committee having its own webpage with Mr. Graviat and I.T. Manager, Dan Kenney. When Ms. Malewski is back in the office, she will produce an idea for the website.

### Suggestions for Periers' Day, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Olmstead distributed a list of ideas for Periers' Day that Ms. Malewski provided for the Committee's consideration.

After reviewing all of the ideas, the Committee agreed that having artist, Beth Goldwater perform at the event would be the best choice. She would perform on stage from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Kinsella suggested that Periers' Day could take place in the park across the street from Town Hall, instead of on the boardwalk. She also proposed that a restaurant could make crepes to be sold from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. during the event. It was noted that the French Flag will also be displayed.

Ms. Olmstead stated that she met with Diana Cowell yesterday, and Ms. Cowell informed her that the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Periers' Liberation is taking place. Ms. Cowell suggested that the Committee send Periers' gifts to recognize and honor this significant day (Ms. Cowell is visiting Normandy and can take the gift (s) with her to give them while she is there).

The Committee decided that it would be nice to send them a gift basket with the following items in it:

- DVD of the Cirque Du Soleil that was performed at last year's Periers' Day event.

- Bethany Beach Flag
- *Bethany Beach: A Brief History* book by author, Michael Morgan
- Proclamation: Ms. Olmstead will draft a proclamation to be reviewed by the Committee and then Ms. Young will present it to the Town Council for approval.

Ms. Olmstead will contact Ms. Cowell to see if she has any additional ideas for gifts to be included in the basket.

Ms. Cowell also mentioned that it would be really nice if class students at Lord Baltimore School could be pen pals with students at Periers'.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Lindsey Good, Admin. Secretary